

### CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously amended) A process for preparing an antimicrobial plastic body, said process comprising molding a precursor, wherein inorganic particles are added to the precursor and prior to molding at least one component of the precursor is treated with a metal colloid solution wherein the metal colloid is stabilized by use of a protective agent.
2. (original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the precursor consists of one or several polymer materials.
3. (original) The process as claimed in claim 2 wherein said precursor consists of polyurethane.
4. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein apart from polymeric materials further additives are added to the plastic precursor.
5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said inorganic particles comprise barium sulfate, calcium sulfate, strontium sulfate, titanium oxide, aluminium oxide, silicon oxide, zeolites, mica, talcum or kaolin.
7. (original) The process as claimed in claim 6 wherein said inorganic particles comprise barium sulfate and/or fumed silica.
8. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein one or several of the components of the precursor are treated with said colloidal metal.
9. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 4 wherein said plastic precursor as well as said inorganic particles are treated with said colloidal metal.

10. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 4 wherein said inorganic particles are treated with said metal colloid.

11. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said metal colloid is colloidal silver.

12. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said treated precursor is given its final shape by mixing, kneading, extruding, injection molding or hot press molding.

13-15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the protective agent is selected from gelatin, silica or starch.